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SUBJECT: LABOUR PARTY SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT GERRY O'BRIEN
RESIGNS HIS PARTY POST

REF: WELLINGTON 0568

1. LABOUR PARTY SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT GERRY O'BRIEN ON FEBRUARY 18 WAS GRANTED THREE-MLEAVE FROM HIS POST BY A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LABOUR PARTY COUNCIL. O'BRIEN HAD EARLIER STATED PUBLICLY THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR REELECTION TO THE SAME PARTY POST WHEN THE LABOUR PARTY HOLDS ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEXT MAY.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH O'BRIEN'S DEPARTURE FROM THE LABOUR PARTY'S SENIOR VICE PRESIDENCY WAS COUCHED IN TERMS OF A LEAVE, IT ACTUALLY CONSTITUTES A RESIGNATION FROM THE POST. AND ALTHOUGH HIS RESIGNATION WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN BASED ON MEDICAL ADVICE, IN FACT O'BRIEN LEFT BECAUSE HIS IMPLICATION IN HOMOSEXUAL INCIDENTS IN CHRISTCHURCH AND MORE RECENTLY IN AUCKLAND HAD GROWN INTO A SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT TO THE LABOUR PARTY. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT O'BRIEN

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MAY WELL NOT RUN FOR REELECTION TO PARLIAMENT IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS IN 1978. THUS, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF COLIN MOYLE FROM THE MANGERE BY-ELECTION (REFTEL) AND O'BRIEN'S LEAVING HIS LABOUR PARTY POST, THE OPPOSITION HAS RID ITSELF OF TWO SOURCES OF EMBARRASSMENT AND PLAN AT LESS ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO FIGHT THE GENERAL ELECTION

BATTLE NEXT YEAR.
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